

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

BRIAN MORITZ,

Plaintiff,

VS.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant

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) CIVIL NO. 3:23-cv-05303-RSM  
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) ORDER  
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This matter comes before the Court on the party's motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

The motion is timely as Plaintiff had a 60-day appeal period, plus the 30-day period in §2412(d)(1)(B), from the entry of final judgment on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023, to file a timely EAJA application. *Akopyan v. Barnhart*, 296 F.3d 852 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002); *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 94-96 (1991); FED. R. App. P. 4(a). Furthermore, upon review of the record, the Court determines that Plaintiff is the prevailing party, the government's position was not substantially

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1 justified, and that the itemization of attorney time spent is reasonable. In short, the requirements  
2 of § 2412(d)(1)(B) are met.

3 Having thoroughly considered the party's briefing and the relevant record, the Court hereby  
4 GRANTS the motion and awards Plaintiff \$4,127.26 in attorney's fees, subject to any offset  
5 allowed under the Treasury Offset Program. *See. Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 589 – 590 (2010).  
6 Payment of EAJA fees shall be sent to Plaintiff's attorney by either EFT or check: David Oliver at  
7 David Oliver & Associates, 2608 South 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409. Pursuant to  
8 *Ratliff*, award shall be payable to Plaintiff's attorneys, David Oliver at David Oliver & Associates,  
9 if the Commissioner confirms that Plaintiff owes no debt to the Government through the Federal  
10 Treasury Offset program.

11 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's stipulated motion for attorney fees is GRANTED;

12 DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024.

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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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